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REMARKS

This reply is responsive to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004. Claims 1-9 were pending in the application. No claims were allowed. Accordingly, Claims 1-9 are currently pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousnesstype double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,780,840.

The Applicant presents the attached terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection.

Reconsideration of claims 1-9 is respectfully solicited in light of the above.

In light of the above-noted remarks, claims 1-9 are believed to define patentable subject matter over the prior art references of record.

Accordingly, claims 1-9 are believed to be in condition for allowance and the application ready for issue.

Corresponding action is respectfully solicited.

PTO is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our account #02-0900.

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